

1           1.    A method comprising:  
2                automatically searching for streaming video  
3   files;  
4                selecting particular streaming video files based  
5   on keywords; and  
6                generating representations of said streaming  
7   video files organized by categories for display as a  
8   graphical user interface.

1           2.    The method of claim 1 where automatically  
2   searching for streaming video files includes automatically  
3   searching for predetermined file extensions associated with  
4   streaming video files.

1           3.    The method of claim 1 wherein automatically  
2   searching for streaming video files includes automatically  
3   searching for streaming video file extensions and for  
4   keywords in web sites associated with said streaming video  
5   files.

1           4.    The method of claim 3 wherein generating  
2   representations of said streaming video files includes  
3   organizing said video files into a category based on the  
4   keyword used to locate said video file.

1           5.    The method of claim 1 including displaying a  
2 graphical user interface containing representations of a  
3 plurality of categories and video files associated with  
4 said categories.

1           6.    The method of claim 5 including representing each  
2 video file by a thumbnail frame.

1           7.    The method of claim 6 including automatically  
2 playing said video file in response to a user selection of  
3 said thumbnail video.

1           8.    The method of claim 1 including using said  
2 keywords as category icons and displaying a plurality of  
3 video files associated with each category icon.

1           9.    The method of claim 8 including accessing said  
2 video file over the Internet in response to a user  
3 selection of said video file.

1           10.   The method of claim 1 wherein automatically  
2 searching for streaming video files includes periodically  
3 automatically searching for streaming video files.

1           11.   An article comprising a medium storing  
2 instructions that enable a processor-based system to:

3 automatically search for streaming video files;  
4 select particular streaming video files based on  
5 keywords; and  
6 generate representations of said streaming video  
7 files organized by categories for display as a graphical  
8 user interface.

1 12. The article of claim 11 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to  
3 automatically search for predetermined file extensions  
4 associated with streaming video files.

1 13. The article of claim 11 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to  
3 automatically search for streaming video file extensions  
4 and for keywords in web sites associated with said  
5 streaming video files.

1 14. The article of claim 13 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to  
3 organize said video files into a category based on the  
4 keyword used to locate said video file.

1 15. The article of claim 11 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to  
3 display a graphical user interface containing

4 representations of a plurality of categories of video files  
5 associated with said categories.

1 16. The article of claim 15 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to  
3 represent each video file by a thumbnail frame.

1 17. The article of claim 16 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to  
3 automatically play said video file in response to a user  
4 selection of said thumbnail video.

1 18. The article of claim 11 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to use  
3 said keywords as category icons and display a plurality of  
4 video files associated with each category icon.

1 19. The article of claim 18 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to  
3 access said video file over the Internet in response to a  
4 user selection of said video file.

1 20. A system comprising:  
2 a processor; and  
3 a storage coupled to said processor, said storage  
4 storing instructions that enable the processor to

5 automatically search for streaming video files, select  
6 particular video files based on keywords, and generate  
7 representations of said streaming video files organized by  
8 categories for display as a graphical user interface.

1 21. The system of claim 20 including a set-top box.

1 22. The system of claim 21 including a television  
2 receiver.

1 23. The system of claim 21 including a remote control  
2 unit.